

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A wet-type multiple disc clutch in which a clutch plate set having a plurality of friction plates and a plurality of separator plates alternately provided therein is interposed between a clutch case and a clutch hub, an oil pressure piston serving to fasten said clutch plate set is slidably retained in a cylinder chamber formed between the outer tube and the inner tube of said clutch case, and a canceler for defining a centrifugal oil pressure cancel chamber between said oil pressure piston and said clutch case is secured on the inner tube of said clutch case through a stop ring, which wet-type multiple disc clutch comprising:

stop ring fall-out preventing means for preventing a fall of said stop ring.

2. (original) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 1, wherein said stop ring fall-out preventing means comprises a step portion which is formed

on the inner tube of said clutch case for restricting a movement of said stop ring toward said oil pressure piston side, and a detention portion which is formed on said canceler for restricting the size expansion of said stop ring.

3. (original) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 1, wherein said stop ring fall-out preventing means comprises a step portion which is formed on the inner tube of said clutch case for restricting a movement of said stop ring toward said oil pressure piston side, and a detention ring to be fitted on said stop ring.

4. (original) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 3, wherein the inner end surface on said clutch hub side of said inner tube of said clutch case is supported by a thrust bearing and, at the same time, an axial movement of said detention ring is restricted by said thrust bearing.

5. (currently amended) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~Claim 1, wherein a backing plate for axially supporting said

clutch plate set with said clutch hub is secured to said clutch case and a sealing means is interposed between said backing plate and said clutch hub.

6. (new) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 2, wherein a backing plate for axially supporting said clutch plate set with said clutch hub is secured to said clutch case and a sealing means is interposed between said backing plate and said clutch hub.

7. (new) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 3, wherein a backing plate for axially supporting said clutch plate set with said clutch hub is secured to said clutch case and a sealing means is interposed between said backing plate and said clutch hub.

8. (new) A wet-type multiple disc clutch according to Claim 4, wherein a backing plate for axially supporting said clutch plate set with said clutch hub is secured to said clutch case and a sealing means is interposed between said backing plate and said clutch hub.